

V. CONTINUOUS WAGE AND BENEFIT HISTORY (CWBH) SYSTEM

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The Continuous Wage and Benefit History (CWBH) system is a pilot project involving 14 States. The current project began in 1976 with a work group consisting of Department of Labor staff interested in unemployment insurance. The purpose of CWBH is to develop a data base at the State and national level for unemployment insurance research, management information and reporting. The data base will consist of continuous or longitudinal data over time as well as current monthly data. Employment wage data and unemployment claims data are collected for a sample of individuals in each State. Demographic and economic data obtained from sample unemployed individuals are included in the data base.

As of March 1, there are six States reporting CWBH data - Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, New York and Utah.

Following are copies of the first four issues of the publication, CWBH Interchange, which is produced cooperatively by the South Carolina and Washington State employment security agencies in order to promote communication among the 14 pilot States.

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Any comments, questions, suggestions, or pertinent articles for THE CWBH INTER-CHANGE should be sent to:

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MEETINGS

The next CWRB Conference is tentatively scheduled for the week of November 12, 1979 in San Francisco (maybe).

THE EDIT AND AUDIT SYSTEM

The EDPUg recommendations for improvement in documentation of the Edit and Audit System are being incorporated into the system. Presently it is expected that the Edit and Audit Program will be transmitted to the States no later than October 1, 1979.



The CWBH User Group (EDPUG) was established at the Seattle CWBH Conference in April 1979. The first meeting of that group was held June 26-28, 1979, at the USDC in Baton Rouge, La.

In recognition of the serious staff shortage at the national office, an understanding was reached between the national office representative and the EDPUC whereby movement on a much more timely basis in the EDP area can be made.

Effective July 27, 1979, national office directives will be issued through the EDPUG.

For more information concerning the work of the EDPUG, contact one of its members.

A report on the last meeting of the CWBH State Users Group on June 12-14, 1979 was sent to all state coordinators by Chuck Wibe so it will not be necessary to again report on it here. However, a couple of items are worth rementioning.

The State Users Group feels that the next CWSB conference could be really beneficial if a successful workshop on data uses can be conducted. It is not too soon to start thinking about topics and whether your state might be able to make a short presentation on how CWSB data was actually used in your state. Suggestions for the workshop should be sent to:

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Slide Show Available: An introductory slide show presentation is available from South Carolina describing the CWBH project. Anyone interested in borrowing a copy can contact Ernie Avant at the address for South Carolina listed in an earlier article.

POSSIBLE FUTURE CWBH INTERCHANGE ARTICLES

Summary of pilot state methods of administering supplemental questionnaire.

State listing of data submitted by record type, sample size, and amount of data available.

NOTE: These are just a few ideas. Your comments and contributions are most welcome and should be sent to the address mentioned earlier. Also, from time to time R&A and/or DP personnel may be asked (voluntarily, of course) to submit articles similar to the ones submitted by Washington and New Mexico in this issue.

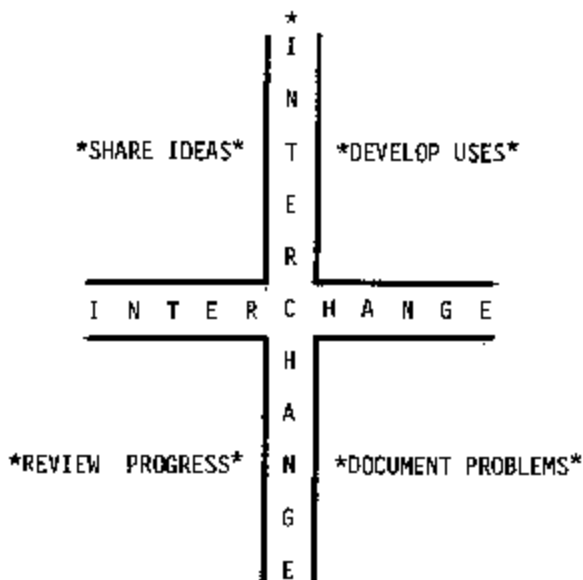
If you would like to get on the mailing list for future issues of THE CWHB INTER-CHANGE or should you need additional copies of this newsletter, please contact Douglas Potter of South Carolina.

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<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
CWBH Progress in New Mexico	Ruby Peter, New Mexico
Statistical Packages Comparison	Sherryl Edge, Georgia
Washington EDP System Overview	Howard Glastetter, Washington
CWBH EDP User Group	Curt Harding, National Office J.J. Quargnenti, Georgia
CWBH State Users Group	Chuck Wibe, Iowa
Decision Request Forms, CWBH Questionnaire Evaluation, Meetings, and Edit and Audit System	Wayne Zajac, National Office

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Your comments, suggestions, and contributed articles to THE CMBH INTERCHANGE'S first issue were welcomed and appreciated. THE CMBH INTERCHANGE has been developed to inform and share ideas about the CMBH program for the CMBH pilot project states.

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In its report "An Evaluation of the CWBH Questionnaire," Mathematica recommended that the requirement to collect supplemental questionnaires on additional claims be discontinued. The National Office is accepting this recommendation.

Details on the data processing aspects of this decision will be issued after the EDP Users Group meeting in September.

The sentence in the CWMN EDP USER GROUP article in the last issue reading "Effective July 27, 1979, national office directives will be issued through the EDPUG" has been revised. It should have stated: Effective July 27, 1979, data elements, coding, and/or file structure system changes will be issued through the EDPUG.

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A use of Louisiana's QWSI data bank in fiscal year 1980 will be the utilization of this data to produce one of the required Labor Market Information (LMI) Core Products publication, "Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed." This report is published in the Manpower Reviews and the Annual Planning Report.

For more information about Louisiana's CWBH uses contact:

A new and improved CWH Manual is being developed and is expected to be completed within the next few months. The EDP Users Group is working on this project and a draft copy is due in the next couple of weeks.

In order for pilot states to have access to the CWBH data base, funds are being made available through the Regional Offices for the purchase of a portable computer terminal. This will provide the CWBH states with the capability to perform research and program analysis on a state, regional, or national basis.

A meeting of the National Office CWBH Work Group, the EDPUG chairman, and the State Users Group chairman is planned for September 17, 1979 in Washington, D.C.

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Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) is currently assisting the Department of Labor with two parts of the CWBH evaluation: an evaluation of the questionnaire and an analysis of the benefits and costs of the program. MPR will also evaluate the usefulness of the CWBH data base to provide measures of the tightness of labor markets. However, this task is not part of the CWBH evaluation.

The analysis of the benefits and costs of the CWBH project proceeds in three steps. First, MPP addresses the benefits that can be measured as reductions in the cost of current data collection and research activities and that are traceable to the introduction of CWBH. These benefits can then be subtracted from the cost of implementing and operating the CWBH project to calculate a "net cost" of CWBH; i.e., the "net cost" is the cost of CWBH that is not directly offset by a reduction in expenditures.

Finally, MPR discusses the benefits and costs of several potential modifications to the CWBH system, including changes in sample size, changes in the structure of the data set, and expansion of the project to all states. A draft of this paper has also been submitted to the National Office.

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The EDP (data processing) and State (research and analysis) User Groups serve as important media to communicate with the National Office on the direction and impact of the CWSH program on the 14 pilot states. The following paragraphs reflect the objectives of these two groups.

The CWSH State EDP Users Group (EDPUG) is oriented to data processing and any subjects that directly affect data processing. The EDPUG will define state and federal data processing needs as well as develop standards of documentation, data elements, and methods of communication of information to accomplish all EDPUG objectives. The EDP Users Group will formulate how and who will make changes effecting all data processing functions and will make recommendations as to when these changes should be made. Further, the EDP Users Group will evaluate and advise the CWSH National Office on all proposed system enhancements and proposed system additions to CWSH.

The CMBH State Users Group has outlined two broad objectives which they are attempting to accomplish. These are: (1) to provide State understanding of the CMBH data base and assist in developing worthwhile uses --however, this should not imply that the State Users Group is responsible for specific uses for each state, which is each states own responsibility; (2) to motivate, stimulate, and provide assistance where possible to the pilot states for the utility of CMBH data; and (3) to work cooperatively with the National Office Work Group and the EDP Users Group in improving the CMBH system.

CURRENT STATE SAMPLE SIZES

STATE	PERCENT	STATE	PERCENT
Georgia	20	New York	1
Idaho	20	North Carolina	5
Iowa	20	Pennsylvania	1
Louisiana	10	South Carolina	20
Missouri	5	Utah	100
Nevada	20	Washington	10
New Mexico	20	Wisconsin	5

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As you know, the Wagner-Peyser Act, which along with the Social Security Act are the cornerstone legislation of Employment Security agencies, is in the midst of possible revision and substantial changes. Three recent publications which may be of interest concerning this Act are listed below:

"Wagner-Peyser: Time for a Change?," June 1979, Policy Statement by the National Council on Employment Policy; and

There are two Commissions authorized by Congress to investigate and recommend changes in Unemployment Compensation provisions and Employment/Unemployment Statistics. The National Commission on Unemployment Compensation has issued a First Interim Report (November 1978) and a Second "Final" Report (July 1979). The National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics has issued their final report containing several recommendations to improve counting of labor force participation. Everyone working with the UI program is urged to review these reports since they are expected to influence the UI system in the coming years.

A Quantitative Methods Seminar, sponsored by the Unemployment Insurance Service National Office was held on September 10-14, 1979 in Tempe, Arizona. The course is designed to teach technical aspects of statistics, research methodology, time series analysis, and econometrics to selected state personnel. Because of the heavy nomination demand, additional sessions are planned for the near future.

Management Engineers Incorporated (MEI), a private consultant firm, is under contract to the National Commission on Unemployment Compensation to produce a report titled "Analysis of Wage Record and Wage Request Reporting Systems in the Unemployment Compensation Program." The ultimate goal of the study is to recommend a preferred reporting system or to specify the conditions under which each reporting system would be best suited given each state's particular characteristics. MEI has surveyed each state for preliminary information and will probably be requesting additional data as their study progresses (no completion date has been announced yet).

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Washington State manually writes the employer FIPS Code, federal ID, and SIC Code for the last employer on completed questionnaires. This is done prior to the data entry of the questionnaires. A convenient way to get this information is by producing an alphabetic listing of the over 150,000 state employers and their related codes (A shorter listing of the major employers is also produced).

To solve this problem, the Washington State CWBH group put together an E15 assembler sort exit. It will compress an alphabetic name, eliminating spaces, special characters and a beginning THE_ from the company name. Numbers are changed to the first letter of that number (i.e. 6 = S, 2 = T). The compressed field is then sorted.

Are you interested in this technique or others mentioned in August's issue of THE CWBH INTERCHANGE? Give Howard Glastetter a call at (206) 753-1525 or drop him a note at the following address:

What have you been doing that might be shared?

NAME

Howard Glastetter, Washington

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Several items came out of the EDP User Group (EDPUG) meeting held September 10-15, 1979 in Williamsburg, Virginia and should be mentioned here.

<u>EDPUG Member State</u>	<u>Sister State</u>
Utah	Nevada
Louisiana	Missouri
South Carolina	Iowa
Pennsylvania	New York
Georgia	New Mexico
Idaho	Washington
North Carolina	Wisconsin

Dick Juve of Idaho and an EDPUG member has departed the Idaho agency. His vacant EDPUG position will be filled at the next CMBH conference.

Several other topics were discussed at the EDPUG meeting, but as of this writing most of them are changing. EDPUG members are encouraged to keep in touch with their sister state. If there are any questions about the recent EDPUG meeting or future EDPUG actions contact a member of EDPUG (see Volume 1, Number 1 CMBH INTERCHANGE for a list of EDPUG members).

As of October 1, 1979, all CWBH questionnaire data fields in Record Type 3, for an additional claim record, should be coded as information not available (INA).

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The CWBH State Users Group met on October 9-11, 1979 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) evaluation of the CWBH questionnaire and their proposals for modification with the National Office and Richard Strouse of MPR. In addition, the CWBH Users Group spent time discussing the content of the special uses of CWBH workshop at the next CWBH conference in November. Several other topics (such as OMB data reduction efforts and the Boeing system) were reviewed.

Suggestions and ideas for the workshop at the next conference should be sent to the CMBH State Users Group chairperson, Chuck Wibe of Iowa.

The National Office Work Group met on September 17, 1979 to go over the changes to the CWSB model questionnaire as recommended by Mathematica Policy Research (MPR). The Work Group has accepted suggestions to drop vocational-technical schooling and employer name/address from the questionnaire. Several other minor changes were adopted for incorporation into a new model questionnaire and will be discussed at the next CWSB conference.

There is still considerable interest by the CWMH Work Group at the National Office in the income question even though the MPR evaluation shows it to be unreliable in the form presently asked. MPR will undertake testing of three forms of this question: the Georgia version; a MPR version; and the Census 1970 version. A control group will also be used to determine if omission of the income question has an effect on response rates.

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States may be interested in reviewing a recently acquired report concerning design and analysis techniques for large data files. The National Bureau of Standards Special Publication 503 is titled "Computer Science and Statistics: Tenth Annual Symposium on the Interface" and was issued in February 1978. This paper describes issues related to the design and analysis of large data files and also covers statistical issues in the analysis of large data files. A copy of this report will be sent to the pilot state coordinators and anyone else who may request it.

In conjunction with the use of the Boeing CWBH data base, a training course will be held on October 22 and 23, 1979 in Washington, D.C. on the use of the statistical software package SAS. The two day seminar, sponsored and conducted by Boeing, will be an introduction to SAS and will not use any CWBH data as the training is geared for all Boeing clients. The Unemployment Insurance Service is planning a comprehensive training course in late November or early December on the use of Boeing's services.

At the next CWHB conference in San Francisco in November 1979, each state will be requested to justify from statistical considerations their CWHB sample size for statewide use. This justification is needed for the benefit of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The OMB is very concerned about the state's reporting burden and the large amount of data storage cost for the national data base.

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The Honorable David L. Boren (Senator-Oklahoma), Chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Unemployment and Related Problems, issued on August 6, 1979 a list of various proposals for reducing costs and improving the budgetary status of the Unemployment Insurance program. The National Commission on Unemployment Compensation has agreed to incorporate into its work plan issues relating to possible UI cost reduction and budgetary status improvement including but not limited to Senator Boren's list. A short summary of Senator Boren's proposal is listed below.

- States are encouraged to submit their comments to the National Commission on Unemployment Compensation.

States are reminded that the costs associated with the use of the Boeing GWHB data base through their terminal is not a "single cost" operation. In other words, a cost is charged for each particular computer resource used such as connect time, data base loads, file storage, and printouts. States are urged to carefully analyze Boeing's cost schedule/priority system and to keep an up-to-date accounting of their usage of the Boeing system as well as to plan wisely their utilization. The allocated amount of \$36,000 a year may seem like a lot of money, but it won't go as far as you might think using this expensive computer service.

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Response and positive comments concerning the Potpourri column in the last issue of THE CWBH INTERCHANGE has resulted in the establishment of these articles as a regular feature. The intent of the Potpourri write-ups is to provide useful information and resources about CWBH related topics, UI operational issues, or UI research/legislative program areas. Coverage will include special surveys, training seminars, published reports, and/or legislation of particular interest. Anyone with questions or suggestions should contact Doug Potter of South Carolina.

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A report of particular interest to UI analysts who periodically deal with LMI and CETA planners was recently published by the Center for Labor Market Studies of Northeastern University. The research paper (prepared by Russell Ganz and Andrew Sum) is titled "The Role of Unemployment Insurance Based Data Sources in Planning Employment and Training Programs." This study contains a detailed examination of several key issues involved in the development of a UI claimant data base for human resource planning.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) has issued two reports in the past several months dealing with unemployment. According to their report, "Unemployment Insurance: Inequities and Work Disincentives" (HRD-79-79, August 26, 1979), UI benefits have increased to such an extent that many recipients have little financial incentive to find jobs. Another GAO policy paper, "Reliable Local Unemployment Estimates: A Challenge for Federal and State Cooperation" (GGD-79-79, July 27, 1979), suggests that the Labor Department and the states should review the problems of estimating local employment and unemployment statistics.

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The "Statistical Policy Handbook" is issued from the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards of the Office of Management and Budget. Its purpose is to provide a convenient source of Federal statistical Directives, information about interagency committees which have a significant role in Federal statistics, and publications of the Office. Directive No. 2 of this Handbook is applicable to the CWBH project and may be of some use to some states. It is named "Standards for the Publication of Statistics" and a copy will be sent to the pilot state coordinators or anyone else who may request it.

For those people interested in the direction of the Labor Market Information (LMI) program, several groups have released specific recommendations about the future of LMI. The most notable of these groups include the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies (ICESA) and the National Governor's Association.

While wholeheartedly in favor of the move to Boeing services and the very positive advantages they offer, I do have a comment to make relative to a possible future problem. My concern is simply that a state may take the easy way out and end up depending entirely upon Boeing for its analytical capability. In the long run this would seem a poor choice as data other than CWBH is in need of analysis by research units. What I am saying is that if a state has limited capabilities now, they would be wise to continue to try to upgrade (software packages, etc.) even though using Boeing.

John Stein

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DECEMBER 1979

The recent CWBH conference was held (in San Francisco, California on November 13-15, 1979) so that CWBH pilot states could be updated on various project related issues. These were: (1) Mathematica's questionnaire and benefit-cost analysis of CWBH; (2) required justification of each state's sample size; (3) proposed data element changes; and (4) Goetting Computer Service's housing of the data base.

Drug Potter of South Carolina and Curt Harding of the University of Utah presented information concerning the upcoming state sample size justification. The intent here was to give some ideas to the states on how to go about justifying their sample sizes. Mr. Potter and Mr. Harding both emphasized that nothing could be done in this area unless some specific uses of the data are determined.

A presentation of the services available to Boeing Computer Service (BCS) users was given by BCS representatives. Features of their equipment (both hardware and software), along with the availability of technical assistance for users were the major points discussed. A detailed comparison of the SAS and SPSS statistical software packages was also presented by BCS. The firm brought in their experts in these packages to discuss the pros and cons of each.

Fertinart articles, letters to the editor, requests for additional copies, or questions/ comments for THE CWBH INTERCHANGE should be forwarded to:

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The National Office staff has met with Arnold Strasser and Bob Rideout of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and also with the National Office Workgroup during the past few weeks concerning the CERN project. The results of these meetings are as follows:

- By the National Office agreeing to the above, OMB will approve the CWSH questionnaire and most State funding for FY 1981.

At the San Francisco Conference, the CMBF sample size and technique was discussed. The general consensus was that each state needed to decide on their intended uses of the data and then decide on the sample size that would provide valid results for their projected uses. It was agreed that Mr. Curtis Harding would pursue the matter with the states.

- 1.) Each state should determine its CMBH uses and output and decide on two or more they see as worthwhile to their state. In selecting these studies, care should be taken to see that the selection made is representative of samples needed for typical CMBH program studies. It is suggested that at least one of the studies respond to one or more of the areas of interest set forth in the Finance Committee Print 96-26 "Various Proposals for Consideration" (Senator Borer's Finance Subcommittee's 21 recommendations to reduce UI program costs); and
- 2.) After likely areas of analysis have been determined, a sample size should be selected that will produce acceptable results. The findings should be documented and sent to Mr. Harding.

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During the recent CWFH conference in San Francisco each pilot state was asked to:

- A memorandum, dated December 4, 1979, has been sent to each CQBH coordinator and EDP representative requesting that this information be submitted to the National Office by January 14, 1980. Attached to the memo is a Data Element Revision Form that should be used in updating the National Office concerning data variances.

A1) CWBH pilot States should be aware of the importance of monitoring the funds granted to States for CkBH. In essence, there must be a direct correlation between the amount of funds expended and the work produced. The National Office will be watching this closely during Fiscal Year 1980. Cost accounting reports 95 and 92 will be checked to determine what States are spending (charging to code 210445) on CkBH and then comparing this with work produced by the States. Using CkBH funds for other purposes is a no-no! See Field Memorandum 145-79.

A revised CMBH Questionnaire is under development as reported in the last CMBH INTERCHANGE and at the San Francisco Conference. States should be thinking about implementation but recognize that the National Office does not expect any State to use the new questionnaire prior to January 1, 1981. The exact implementation date will be selected probably at the next conference so States have adequate time to convert. States should continue to use their present CMBH Questionnaire.

The Mathematica evaluation found no significant difference in data accuracy among the various methods of questionnaire administration--mail, local office hand out, and interview. The effect on response rate, however, has not yet been determined. States using a mail or office hand out system can expect no change to their system. States using interviews should examine the other methods to determine the feasibility of switching. The National Office will be "encouraging" States using an interview system to switch to a mail or hand out system in order to reduce costs.

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At the San Francisco Conference, the State User Group for the coming year was elected. Doug Potter of South Carolina, Sherryl Edge of Georgia, Lloyd Herod of Idaho and Ray Lambert of Utah were all placed on the group for another year. Gary Bodeutsch of Washington will be the fifth member of the group.

The first meeting of the new User Group will possibly be in Idaho during the latter part of January. The chairman, once selected, can proceed with coordinating the first meeting's agenda and User Group projects for the coming year.

Mr. Curtis Harding, former National Office CMBH Coordinator, has now relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah. He will continue his association with the CMBH project working with the States and the State User Groups in the areas of: (1) determination of state uses; (2) data element review; and (3) establishment of Record Type 8. He will be operating from three locations in Salt Lake City: his home, the University of Utah, and the Utah Department of Employment Security. The telephone numbers are:

Any correspondence should be directed to his home address:

NEXT CMBH CONFERENCE

The National Office plans for the next CWSH Conference to be in the Washington, D.C. area. May 1980 appears to be the best month, probably the third week in the month. Expect a registration fee of about \$15.00 or \$20.00.

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The Unemployment Insurance Service (UIS) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is initiating an "Unemployment Insurance Research Exchange" in Fiscal Year 1980. This exchange, to be published periodically, is intended to provide ready access to research information, to facilitate communication among those working in related research areas, and to prevent duplication. Currently, no systematic means exist to disseminate information about research pertaining to the UI program that is produced in the State Employment Security Agencies, DOL, National Commission on Unemployment Compensation, colleges and universities, and other private research institutions. The first issue is expected to be produced in the first few months of 1980.

- 1.) ETA-LMI BULLETIN-This newsletter is produced by the National Office LMI Division of the Department of Labor-ETA;
- 2.) THE ANALYST EXCHANGE-This newsletter is published bimonthly by the U.S. Department of Labor-ETA, Region VIII. It provides much useful information for management analysts;
- 3.) THE ADVISOR-This newsletter is published periodically by the Unemployment Benefits Advisors (UBA) Corporation. This firm, based in Washington, D.C., provides up-to-date reporting and analysis of National UI proposed and enacted legislation; and
- 4.) THE BULLETIN-This is another Unemployment Benefits Advisors, Corporation publication that is released by the firm's Research and Education Division. This publication is directed more toward reporting and analysis on state UC legislation and comparative UI statistics.

A letter has been sent out by the National Commission on Unemployment Compensation (NCUC) to all RRA directors. In this letter Mr. Robert Crosslin, whose job it is to provide the NCUC with information for consideration, has requested that each state provide him with information regarding their methods used to finance benefits. These statistics will help the NCUC study the variety of methods states use to finance UI benefits.

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The above information was obtained from a review of the records maintained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Registration.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

[Name]
[Title]

The Washington State law changed the UI eligibility requirement from weeks worked to hours worked, effective October 1978. This change required a reporting by employers of both weeks worked and hours worked for three quarters. For the CWSH sample we captured both of these items. We have produced matrices of hours worked and weeks worked by industry classifications and by quarter. This information may be of interest to states having legislative inquiries on an hours-worked eligibility requirement. Copies of the tabulations were distributed at the San Francisco CWSH Conference. Copies are available from Gary Bodetsch at the following address:

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In the October issue of the CWBH INTERCHANGE, an organizational chart of the National Office CWBH staff was presented. It has been brought to our attention that the chart design is not entirely accurate. All personnel that are working on the design and applications of the CWBH Data Base (Miro Medek, Clayton Alvey, Tony Baglio and John McRae) are, in reality, employees of Genasys, Inc. and not the Department of Labor. Genasys, Inc. is currently under contract with the Department of Labor to design the CWBH Data Base. A personnel change in the National Office staff has also occurred since October. Patricia Sarman has left the National Office and at the current time the librarian position is vacant.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
CWBH State User Group	Sherryl Edge, Georgia
Data Variance/Comments, Questionnaire/ Data Element Status	Pat Skees, National Office
Mr. Harding Relocates to Utah, CWBH Uses and Sample	Curtis Herding, University of Utah
Monitoring of Funds, Next CWBH Conference, Implementation of New CWBH Questionnaire, Questionnaire Collection Procedure	Wayne Zajac, National Office
Use of CWBH in Washington	Gary Bodeutsch, Washington

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